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Works update: Maribyrnong River bridge works

Construction of the new bridges across the Maribyrnong River will begin in 2019, starting with utility relocations and piling works towards the end of January.

These bridges will link the new elevated road above Footscray Road to the tunnel and will provide drivers with greater connections to the port and city.

Site establishment

We have been busy establishing a site at 33 Maribyrnong Street. This has included the installation of offices and formation of equipment laydown areas.

This work will continue until the end of January 2019 as the project gets ready to work along the river bank area along Maribyrnong Street up to Shepherd Bridge. Fencing and barriers will be installed in this area to separate our construction site from the road, and there will be no public access to these areas – shown in orange on the map overleaf.



Figure 1 Maribyrnong River

Utility relocations

Starting at the end of January, works will be done along Maribyrnong Street to relocate utility services out of the way of construction. The first utility to be relocated will be power. This will be done using open trenching, underground drilling and cable installation. These works will be delivered by the utility providers' preferred contractors and managed by the West Gate Tunnel Project team. Additional utility relocation will be needed in 2020 and will include telecommunications, water and gas. Please see map overleaf for utility relocation details.

The current schedule of works is as follows:

Utility	Location	Estimated start date	Duration
Power	Maribyrnong Street	End January (proposed 28/01/19)	3 weeks
	Lyons Street	End February 2019	3 weeks
	Youell street	Mid-March 2019	2 weeks
	Whitehall Street	Early April 2019	4 weeks

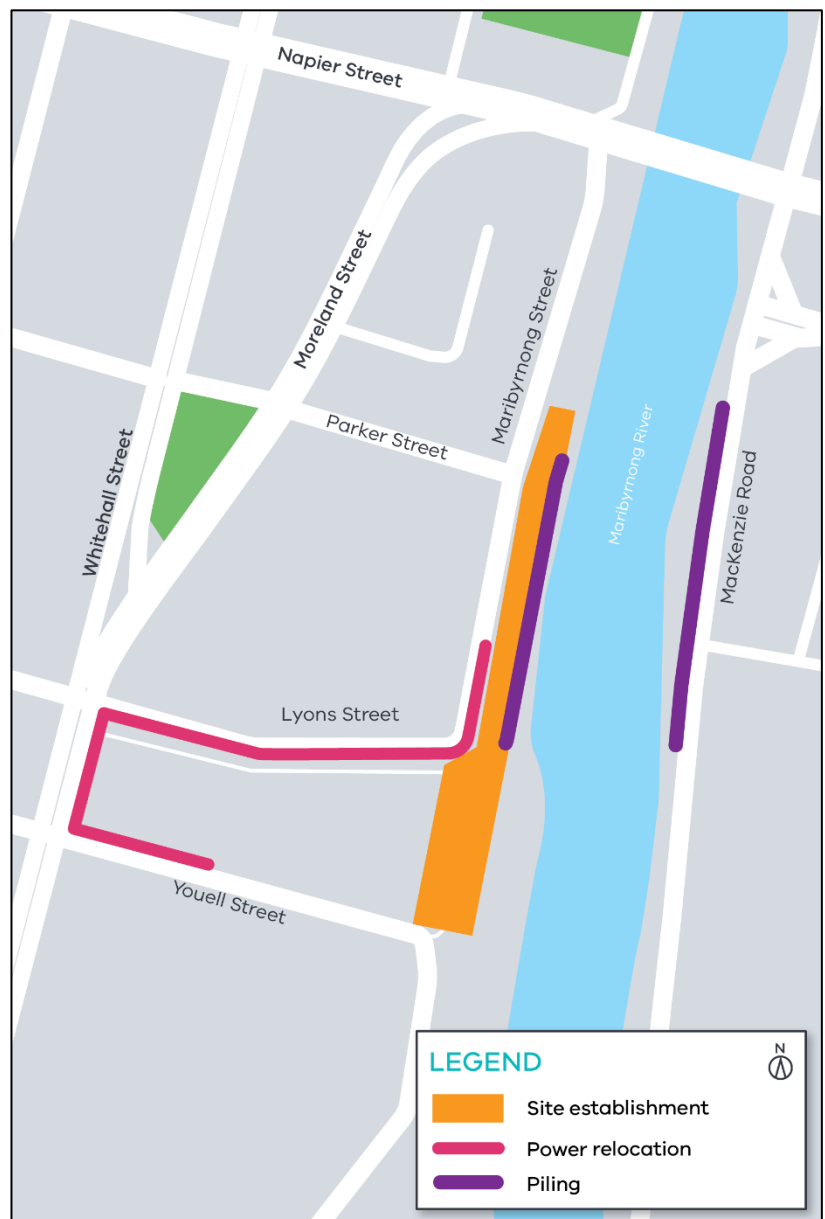
Piling preparation and piling works

Once utility works have been completed in Maribyrnong Street, the Project will then commence piling preparation and piling works. Piling is required to construct the foundations for piers that will form the bridges over the Maribyrnong River and to support the banks of the river.

Piling preparation will be starting from February 2019 and will include the delivery of piling equipment. Piling rigs will then be delivered on to site.

Piling works will commence at the pier locations and along the banks of the river for stability. Piles will be constructed using a combination of driven piling, bored piling and sheet piling. Piling works can create increased levels of noise and vibration. The community relations team will be in contact in the lead up to these works, to assist with managing any construction impacts during this time.

Piling on the west bank of the Maribyrnong River is expected to take up to eight months to complete, with over 200 piles to be bored and driven. Piling along the east bank of the river is expected to start in April. Please refer to map for piling locations.



More information about all the activities listed above will be provided to directly-impacted stakeholders closer to the start of the works.

Shared use path changes

Starting in the coming months, the shared use path (SUP) along the Maribyrnong River from Lyons Street to Shepherd Bridge will be diverted to enable construction to take place. This diversion will remain in place until completion of the works in 2022.

We will provide more detail nearer the time this is to be done and detour signage will be in place to advise pedestrians and cyclists of the change.

Local road and parking changes

To enable our teams to undertake the works in your area safely and efficiently, some temporary road changes including some parking space removal and temporary lane and road closures will be in place at times. We will notify you before this is done if it is expected to impact you.

There will also be an increase in construction vehicle movements in the area, as we transport equipment and material to and from our work sites.

Work hours

Work hours for these activities will be between 7am and 6pm Monday to Saturday. Should we require any additional out of hours works, you will be notified in advance.

We thank your patience during this works.

Contact us

Please contact us if you have any questions or feedback about these works.



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